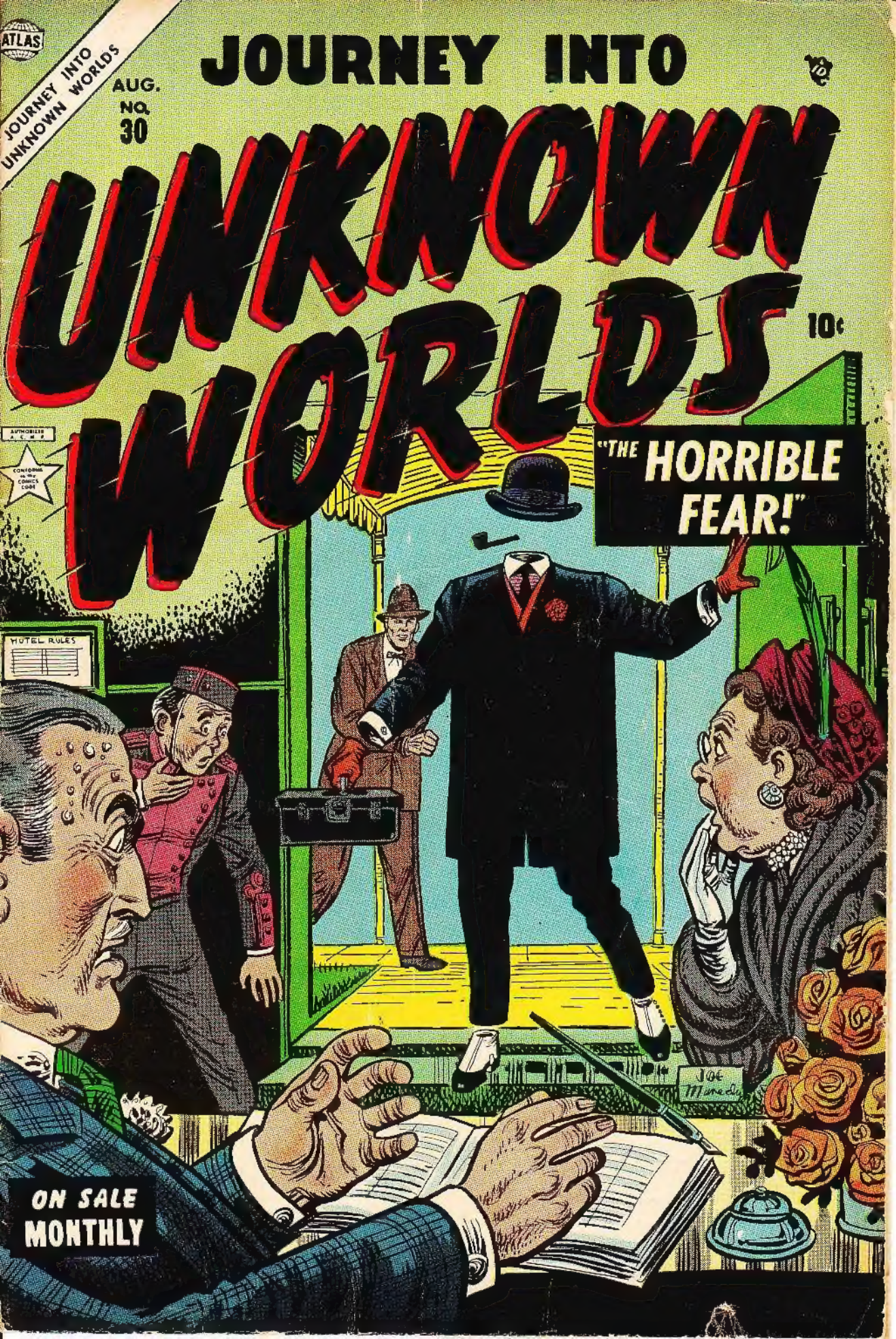
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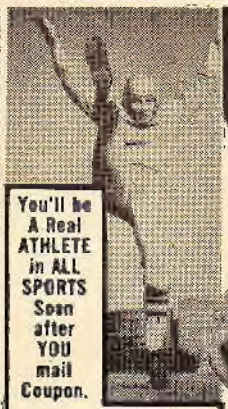

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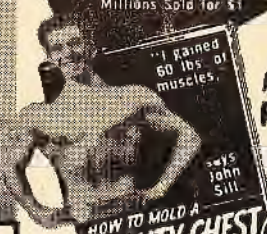

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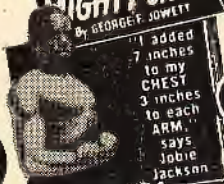

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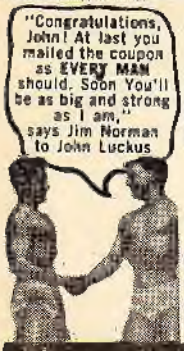
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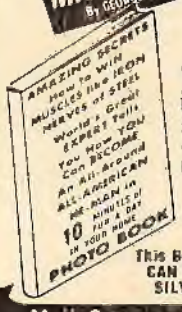
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SOME MEN NOT ONLY *LIVE* THROUGH HORROR, BUT *RELIVE* THE NIGHTMARE EVERY MOMENT OF THEIR LIVES! YET WHO IS TO SAY THESE HAUNTED MEN ARE INSANE?

THE MADMAN!

COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
FIRE
NO ONE COULD DOUBT THAT COMMANDER GEORGE VINSON WAS A NAVAL HERO...
SINGLE-HANDEDLY ON THE 9TH OF NOV. 1944, HE HAD TAKEN HIS SUBMARINE THROUGH THE JAP SUBMARINE NETS INTO YOKOHAMA HARBOR...
REDUCE TO 2½ KNOTS... BEAR EIGHT DEGREES TO PORT...
LAWRENCE
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HE HAD GAZED THROUGH THE PERISCOPE THAT FATEFUL DAY...

GET READY TO FIRE ALL TORPEDOES!

HE HAD DISCOVERED DOZENS OF ENEMY BATTLECRAFT RIDING AT ANCHOR AT YOKOHAMA HARBOR LIKE SO MANY SITTING DUCKS...

HE HAD LINED UP TWO JAP BATTLE-WAGONS AND UTTERED ONE PORTENTOUS COMMAND...

FIRE!

BLAMMMMM BARROOOOOM!

THE JAP DESTROYERS HAD FRANTICALLY LACED THE HARBOR WITH DEPTH CHARGES...

THE COMMANDER HAD TRIED TO TAKE HIS UNDERSEA CRAFT THROUGH THAT SEA OF EXPLODING DYNAMITE...

WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE! THEY'RE BOUND TO SCORE A DIRECT HIT!

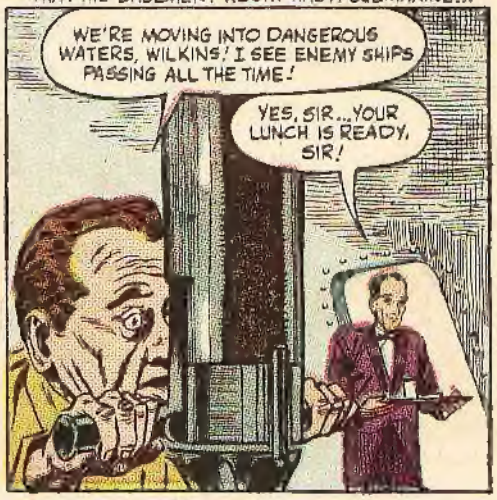
TAKE HER UP *QUICK!* *USE THE ESCAPE HATCHES!*

WOULD YOU CALL A MAN MAD WHO SHRANK IN TERROR FROM THE WATERY GRAVE THAT THREATENED TO CLAIM HIM?
SHE'S FILLING FAST!
NO! NO!
COULD NOT THE MEMORY OF THE HORROR BE LIVED AND RELIVED EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE AFTERWARD?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR! YOU'RE HOME! YOU'RE IN BED! YOU'RE ONLY DREAMING AGAIN!
DREAMING? IT WAS ONLY A DREAM? BUT THE WATER... IT WAS RISING! IT WAS FILLING THE SUBMARINE! WE WERE SINKING!

NO, COMMANDER... IT WAS IN A DREAM! YOU'RE HOME! THIS IS THE BASEMENT OF YOUR HOUSE!
YES... I SEE... BUT FOR A MOMENT... NO! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THAT MOMENT, WILKINS! IT'S MADNESS!

THE INCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE TEN YEARS BEFORE! VINSON AND HALF HIS CREW HAD SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SUBMARINE, BUT DESPITE HIS HONORS, HIS MANY DECORATIONS, VINSON'S EXPERIENCE HAD AFFECTED HIS MIND...

HAVING INHERITED HIS FATHER'S WEALTH, VINSON LIVED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HOUSE, PRETENDING THAT HIS BASEMENT ROOM WAS A SUBMARINE...



THOUGH HE SPENT PART OF EACH DAY SPYING ON PASSERS-BY, PRETENDING THEY WERE SHIPS TO TORPEDO, THE REST OF THE DAY VINSON SPENT OUTSIDE WITH HIS NEIGHBORS!

HIYA, COMMANDER! LOOK AT THE DESTROYER I CARVED!
GOOD MORNING, COMMANDER! BEAUTIFUL DAY, ISN'T IT?
INDEED IT IS, MA'AM! PERFECT SEA WEATHER!

TO THE WORLD, VINSON WAS A SWEET, HARMLESS MAN, LIKED BY EVERYBODY EXCEPT HIS NEAREST RELATIVES..
LOOK AT HIM, PARADING AROUND IN HIS UNIFORM! DON'T TELL ME THAT IDIOT IS HARMLESS!
MY HUSBAND IS RIGHT! MY BROTHER-IN-LAW GEORGE IS DANGEROUS! HE BELONGS IN A PADDED CELL!
NATURALLY, MR. VINSON! THEN YOU COULD ENJOY YOUR BROTHER'S WEALTH, HIS BANK ACCOUNTS, HIS PROPERTIES!
WHY NOT? MY FATHER WAS A SENTIMENTAL FOOL! JUST BECAUSE I WAS OUT OF THE WAR, HE LEFT EVERYTHING TO GEORGE! TO A MENTAL CASE! WELL, I WANT HIM PUT AWAY IN AN INSTITUTION!
IT'S NOT SO EASY, VINSON! YOU TRIED FOR YEARS TO GET HIM COMMITTED TO AN ASYLUM! PEOPLE SAY THERE IS NO HARM IN HIM!
WE ALL HAVE ILLUSIONS! YOURS IS MONEY! SO IS MINE! AND THE AUTHORITIES WE'LL HAVE TO BRIBE... THEY THINK THERE IS NOTHING LIKE MONEY TOO!
MONEY TALKS! PUT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW GEORGE IN AN INSANE ASYLUM, AND WE'LL GUARANTEE ONE THIRD OF ANYTHING WE GET!
NOT A THIRD! A HALF! I WANT TO SEE THAT MADMAN BEHIND BARS!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING! WE'LL ARRANGE IT!
ONE MORNING, A WEEK LATER...
WILKINS! THEY'RE COMING! MY ENEMIES! MAN THE TORPEDO TUBES! IT'S THEM OR US!
PLEASE, COMMANDER ...DON'T GET EXCITED! IT'S NOTHING! IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION AGAIN!
NO, NO! IT'S REAL, WILKINS! IT'S MY ENEMIES! THEY'RE COMING TO DESTROY ME! GET READY TO FIRE ALL TORPEDOES!
BUT, SIR... YOU HAVE NO ENEMIES! EVERYONE LIKES YOU!
NO, YOU FOOL! LOOK! SEE WHAT'S COMING OUR WAY!
ASYLUM ATTENDANTS! THE COMMANDER'S BROTHER! THEY'VE COME TO TAKE HIM AWAY!

I'M FIRING EVERYTHING I'VE GOT AT THEM! WHY DOESN'T IT STOP THEM?
BECAUSE HIS WEAPONS ARE IMAGINARY... THEIRS ARE NOT! I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN! FOR YEARS HIS BROTHER'S BEEN PLOTTING AGAINST HIM... ITCHING TO GET HIS MONEY!

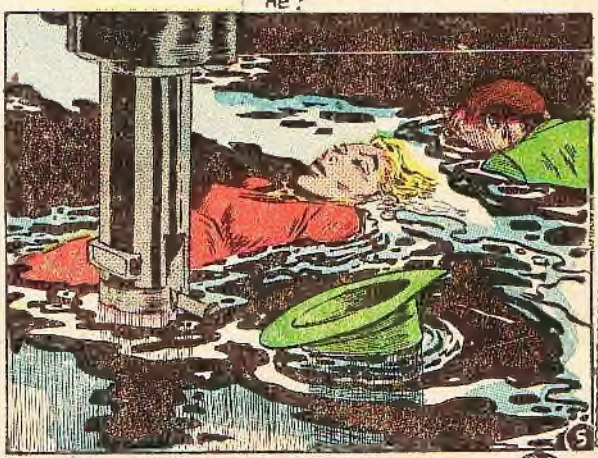
NO! NO! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME! WILKINS! HELP ME! DON'T LET THEM TAKE ME AWAY!
THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO, WILKINS! WE'VE GOT PERMISSION TO LOCK UP THIS MADMAN!

THEY WON'T ESCAPE, WILKINS! THE JAPS ARE COMING! THE JAPS WILL GET THEM!
HA! HA! IF ANYTHING WILL PROVE HE'S CRACKED, IT'S THIS RAVING! LOOK AT THE ROOM, OUTFITTED FOR COMBAT! HE'S STILL FIGHTING THE WAR!

THE MADMAN'S DREAM! WE'LL STRIP IT TO THE WALLS! IN A FEW MONTHS, EVERY PENNY WILL BE OURS!
ED! THE ROOM IS ROCKING! I HEAR EXPLOSIONS OUTSIDE THE ROOM!
BOOM M

IT'S TOO LATE! THE ROOM'S FILLED UP! ED! HELP ME!
THE WHOLE HOUSE EXPLODED! WATER'S POURING OUT! WHAT IS IT?
MY ENEMIES! THEY DID IT... WITH DEPTH CHARGES! THEY SCORED A DIRECT HIT! WE'RE THE ONLY SURVIVORS!

THE ASYLUM OFFICIALS STARED AT VINSON! QUICKLY THEY TORE UP THE PAPERS AND LEFT! THE SURVIVOR WATCHED THE WATER POUR OUT OF THE BASEMENT, AND SHRUGGED! AFTER ALL, HE HAD WARNED THEM, HADN'T HE?



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ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

THE PAPER MONSTER

HAVE you ever walked through the horror houses in amusement parks, and shuddered at the frightening forms that lurk in the shadows and then leap at you when you least expect them? Have you ever thumbed through a weird comic book that sent chills down your spine at the sight of the eerie-looking creatures that fill the pages?

Perhaps you didn't know, but Warren Stanley was the greatest creator of these things in his time. He was known the country over for the wretched-looking men and women that chilled man, woman and child for ten years. Perhaps you don't know Warren Stanley's story . . . the story of his most frightful creation.

Stanley spent hours in his little studio room above a dark, narrow street in the New York's Greenwich Village, delighting in his strange work . . . creating characters that would frighten people almost out of their wits. The room was bare except for the well-used drawing table, a small, improvised drop table that held inks, brushes and pens during his working hours, and from which he ate his meals. Only a worn couch and a few faded, outdated chairs completed the furnishings. Hardly the setting in which a person would expect to find a successful artist spending his days and his nights, but the proper one, Stanley thought, for a man in his particular line of work.

He found himself too busy filling assignments to handle the actual business-like part of it, and so his agent, Rod Alman, sold his creations for him.

The big story, started one evening when Rod stepped into Stanley's studio-apartment to discuss a problem he had had on his mind for several days.

"Warren, I guess you've noticed the assignments dropping off the last few days . . ." Rod began nervously.

"Dropping off?"

As a matter of fact, Stanley hadn't, so engaged had he been in a creation for a new comic strip that was going to be syndicated.

"Well, I guess I forgot to give you some of the particulars, and now I'm stuck with some really bad news for you, kid," Rod said, trying to avoid Stanley's eyes.

"Well, what is it? You look pretty sad."

"First of all, some of the operators at the horror houses have been complaining . . . the people are geting too frightened . . . the things you design for them. They're losing business. Second, the comics you had lined up for next month are begging you to ease up . . . more complaints . . . your characters are TOO ugly, TOO convincing. And last, but not least . . . um, well, ah . . . the syndicate has made mention that . . . er . . ."

Stanley almost knocked over the drawing table as he got up, enraged with Alman's words. "THE SYNDICATE, TOO? WHAT'S WRONG with all these duds? Can't they take it? Well, I'm NOT EASING UP . . . either they accept my work as I do it, or they won't be able to get any half-hearted attempts at unconvincing characters from THIS artist."

"Warren, I hate to say this . . . but I assure you I won't have any markets for your work. They'll all close up on you!" Rod spilled out his words, annoyed at Stanley's attitude, his queer attachment to the macabre work he loved.

Stanley's face was red, and his fists were clenched. "AND YOU TOO, HUH? You're a no-good rat, deserting me only because there's a microscopic leak that you're too YELLOW to handle."

"I . . . I . . . OH, WHAT THE HECK . . ." Rod shouted, turning swiftly and leaving the room, slamming the door noisily behind him.

Stanley stared at the door for a minute. Then he turned around to look at his work. Suddenly everything seemed black, hopeless. The markets were

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY...

HELLO, BOB-HAVE YOU FOUND THAT UNDERSEAS TREASURE?

HECK NO! THERE'S NO TREASURE DOWN HERE!

GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

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GOSH, SAM! WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?

WHAT SAM TOLD THEM

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THAT'S RIGHT, KIDS! IT'S AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG!

R.T.

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ACT NOW!

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ALL RIGHT, GEORGIE! WE'RE HERE TO COLLECT THE MONEY YOU OWE FOR THAT GAMBLING LOSS LAST WEEK!
ARE YOU CRAZY, COMING HERE? IF MY UNCLE SEES YOU, HE'LL CUT ME OFF WITHOUT A CENT AND YOU'LL NEVER GET THE MONEY!
IN THE COURTYARD OF THE MANSION OF ONE OF BOSTON'S RICHEST MEN, A STRANGE SCENE WAS BEING ENACTED! A YOUNG MAN CAME OUT OF THE DOOR AND LOOKED AROUND FOR TWO MEN WHO HAD COME TO SEE HIM! THEY STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND THE BUSHES, AND ONE OF THEM TOOK OUT A GUN...
COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
EFJJ

GEORGE PRESCOTT PLEADED WITH THEM IN SUBDUED WHISPERS!
YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME MORE TIME! WHEN MY UNCLE DIES, I GET HIS MILLIONS! THEN I PAY YOU DOUBLE! BUT IF HE FINDS OUT...
OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER MONTH! BUT IF THE OLD MAN AIN'T DEAD BY THEN, YOU WILL BE!

THE DAYS SWEPT BY ALL TOO QUICKLY FOR GEORGE, WHO COULD SEE THAT HIS UNCLE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF DYING WITHIN A MONTH! THEN ONE AFTERNOON, IN AN OLD BOOK STORE...
VOODOO
THIS IS IT! I'VE DISCOVERED A WAY TO MAKE THAT GULLIBLE OLD FOOL KILL HIMSELF. THIS CAN'T FAIL!
GEORGE SEARCHED FOR MORE BOOKS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, AND THAT EVENING CASUALLY BEGAN A DISCUSSION WITH HIS UNCLE...
UNCLE FRANK, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE AFRICAN ABORIGINES BELIEVE THERE ARE WAYS TO INSURE THAT A MAN WILL BE RETURNED TO EARTH AFTER HIS DEATH?
EH? REINCARNATION... I'VE HEARD OF THAT! HERE, LET ME SEE THAT BOOK!
SAYS THAT IF A MAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN THE PRESCRIBED WAY, THAT HE'S SURE TO RETURN TO EARTH AS A MAN!
FASCINATING, ISN'T IT? AND THERE'S ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THE SAME THING, IN THIS BOOK ON VOODOO!
GEORGE DIDN'T PUSH THE MATTER TOO FAST! PLAYING IT SMART, HE JUST DROPPED HINTS FROM TIME TO TIME, AND WATCHED THE EFFECT...
IT'S A SHAME SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS HAVE TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH, AND SUFFER ALL ETERNITY!
YOU MEAN, YOU REALLY BELIEVE THOSE MEN KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?
OF COURSE I BELIEVE IT! WHEN I GROW OLD, I'M GOING TO TAKE THE GAMBLE! WHAT'S A FEW YEARS OF DODDERING OLD AGE LOST, WHEN THERE'S THE CHANCE OF A NEW LIFE?
YES, GEORGE! I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!
NOTHING HAPPENED FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS! BUT ONE EVENING, WHEN GEORGE CAME DOWN FOR HIS USUAL TALK WITH THE OLD MILLIONAIRE, HE HEARD...
HELP! HELP!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED?
THE MASTER IS DEAD! HE'S KILLED HIMSELF!
GREAT SCOTT! THIS IS HORRIBLE! CALL THE POLICE, QUICKLY!
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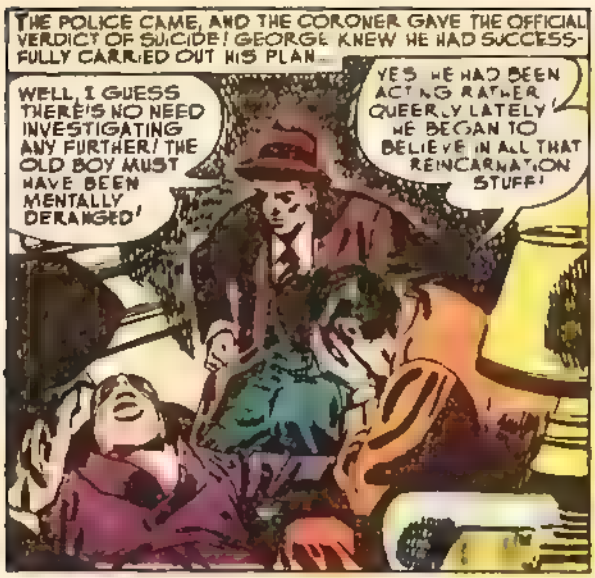
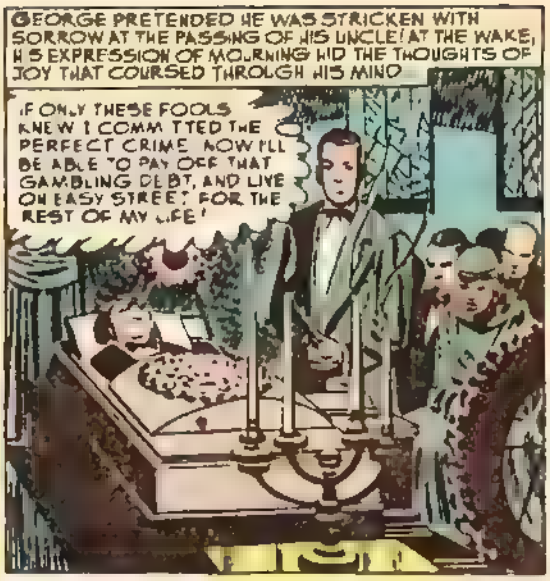
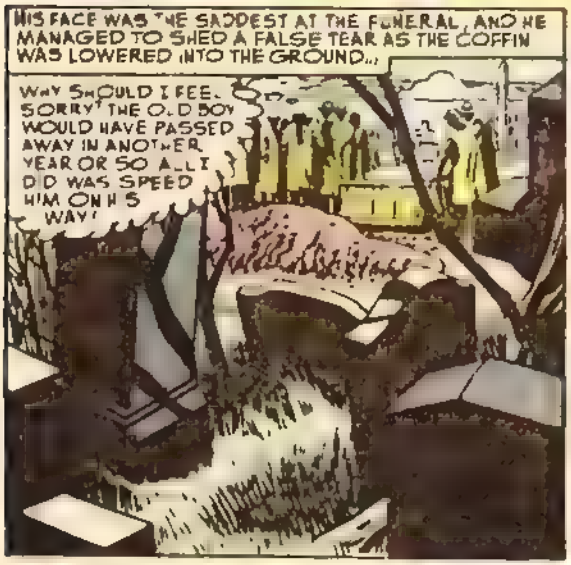
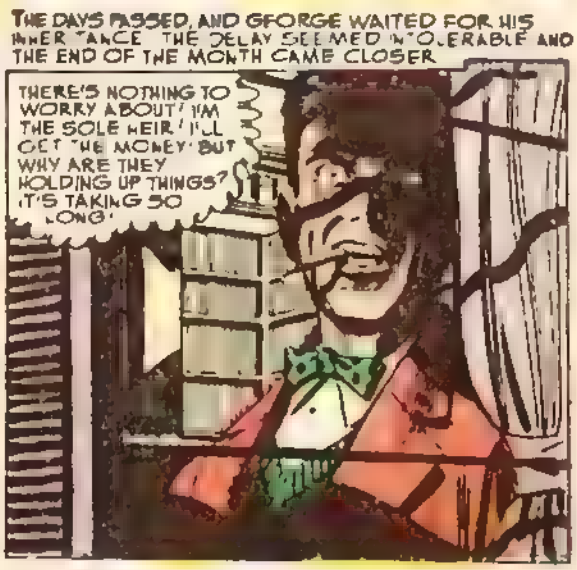

THE POLICE CAME, AND THE CORONER GAVE THE OFFICIAL VERDICT OF SUICIDE! GEORGE KNEW HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT HIS PLAN...
WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED INVESTIGATING ANY FURTHER! THE OLD BOY MUST HAVE BEEN MENTALLY DERANGED!
YES, HE HAD BEEN ACTING RATHER QUEERLY LATELY! HE BEGAN TO BELIEVE IN ALL THAT REINCARNATION STUFF!


GEORGE PRETENDED HE WAS STRICKEN WITH SORROW AT THE PASSING OF HIS UNCLE! AT THE WAKE, HIS EXPRESSION OF MOURNING HID THE THOUGHTS OF JOY THAT COURSED THROUGH HIS MIND...
IF ONLY THESE FOOLS KNEW I COMMITTED THE PERFECT CRIME! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF THAT GAMBLING DEBT, AND LIVE ON EASY STREET FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!


HIS FACE WAS THE SADDEST AT THE FUNERAL, AND HE MANAGED TO SHED A FALSE TEAR AS THE COFFIN WAS LOWERED INTO THE GROUND...
WHY SHOULD I FEEL SORRY? THE OLD BOY WOULD HAVE PASSED AWAY IN ANOTHER YEAR OR SO ALL I DID WAS SPEED HIM ON HIS WAY!


THE DAYS PASSED, AND GEORGE WAITED FOR HIS INHERITANCE. THE DELAY SEEMED INTOLERABLE AND THE END OF THE MONTH CAME CLOSER...
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! I'M THE SOLE HEIR! I'LL GET THE MONEY! BUT WHY ARE THEY HOLDING UP THINGS? IT'S TAKING SO LONG!

FINALLY HIS TIME WAS UP AND STILL HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM THE LAWYERS! THEN HE HAD VISITORS...
TWO GENTLEMEN TO SEE YOU, SIR!
BLACKIE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! I TOLD YOU NEVER TO

DON'T GIMME ANY OF THAT STUFF GEORGIE! THE OLD MAN IS DEAD AND YOUR TIME'S UP! WHERE'S THE DOUGH YOU PROMISED ME?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THESE THINGS TAKE TIME! I HAVEN'T GOT THE INHERITANCE YET!

THEN I'LL HAVE TO GET ROUGH! I DON'T LIKE WISE GUYS WHO THINK THEY CAN PUT ONE OVER ON ME!
NO! NO, PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! I'LL HAVE THE MONEY SOON! I SWEAR IT!
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HOW DO I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU? MAYBE YOU'LL LEAVE TOWN WITHOUT PAYING ME!
I'LL GO DOWN TO THE LAWYER NOW! YOU CAN COME WITH ME! HE'LL HAVE TO TELL ME WHEN I CAN HAVE THE MONEY!
OKAY, PAL! BUT IF YOU'VE BEEN PULLING A FAST ONE ON ME
WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT THE LAWYER SAYS, YOU'LL KNOW I'VE BEEN ON THE LEVEL! THEN WE CAN ALL GO OUT AND CELEBRATE! I'M GOING TO BE A MILLIONAIRE!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT! OTHERWISE...
A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY ARRIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE LAWYER FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MILLIONAIRE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BURSTING INTO MY OFFICE THIS WAY?
I'M SORRY, MR. RYAN! I'M FRANK PRESCOTT'S NEPHEW GEORGE...
I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT RIGHT THAT GIVES YOU TO BARGE IN HERE LIKE A COMMON HOODLUM! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHAT DO I WANT? THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH STALLING AROUND WITH MY UNCLE'S ESTATE! I WANT MY INHERITANCE AND I WANT IT NOW!
INHERITANCE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ACCORDING TO MR. PRESCOTT'S WILL THERE IS NO MONEY FOR YOU!
SO YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH ME ALL ALONG EH GEORGE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MR. RYAN? I'M THE NEXT OF KIN! I GET THAT ESTATE, ON THAT TRUE?
NO GEORGE! YOUR UNCLE MADE A WILL JUST BEFORE HE KILLED HIMSELF! AND ALL HIS MONEY IS TO BE HELD FOR HIM, UNTIL HE COMES BACK TO EARTH, REINCARNATED!
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ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

IF IT SLIPS...IF IT CHAFES...IF IT GRIPES...THEN

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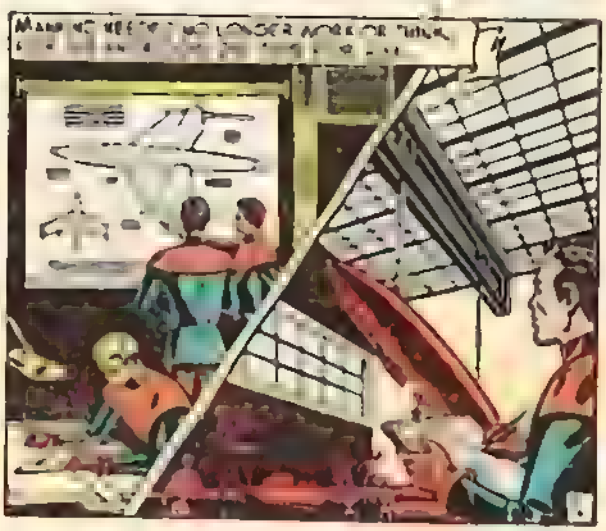
WHEN MANKIND MANUFACTURED DUPLICATES OF HIMSELF FROM LIVING CELLS, HE CALLED THESE SYNTHETIC HUMANS "ANDROIDS"! AND THEN HE FOUND WAYS TO MAKE THEM STRONGER, MORE ENDURING AND MENTALLY BRILLIANT SO THAT BOTH MENIAL AND MENTAL TASKS WERE GIVEN TO ANDROIDS TO FREE MAN FOR PLEASURABLE PURSUITS! AND TO KEEP THE ANDROIDS IN THEIR PLACE, MAN EVOLVED A SET OF "RULES FOR ANDROIDS"...

THERE WAS PLENTY OF EVERYTHING FOR ALL, AND MANKIND SHED THE CARES OF GENERATIONS AND TURNED TO PLEASURES...



THE GOLDEN AGE OF MAN HAD COME! DISEASE HAD BEEN DEFEATED AND MEN LIVED TO TWICE THE SPAN OF YEARS THEY HAD FORMERLY! THE CENTURIES PASSED..AND ALWAYS THE GULF BETWEEN MAN, THE IDLER, AND ANDROID, THE WORKER, WIDENED..
WHAT A BORE, THESE MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL UNITED WORLD GOVERNMENT! WHY DON'T WE TURN GOVERNMENT OVER TO THE ANDROIDS?
IF WE DID, THE ANDROID WOULD RULE MAN! THE ANDROIDS MUST ALWAYS BE MADE CONSCIOUS OF HOW INFERIOR THEY ARE TO NORMALLY-BORN HUMANS! THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING! WE MUST FORMULATE MORE AND STRONGER RULES FOR ANDROIDS!
BUT WHAT OF THE ANDROIDS? HOW DID THEY LIVE.. WHAT DID THEY FEEL UNDER THE STRICT REGIMENTATION IMPOSED UPON THEM BY THEIR MASTERS?
RULES FOR ANDROIDS
WHY DON'T THEY GIVE US DECENT HOUSING?
SHHH! IT IS AGAINST THE RULES TO SPEAK SO!
"RULES FOR ANDROIDS"! HOW I HATE THAT PHRASE! WE DO ALL THE WORK, ALL THE THINKING, AND THEY TREAT US LIKE INHUMAN, SOULLESS MONSTERS! IS IT OUR FAULT WE WERE BORN IN VATS INSTEAD OF LIKE OTHER HUMANS?
RULES FOR ANDROIDS
SOMEDAY OUR TIME WILL COME WHEN MANKIND REALIZES WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THEM! THEN THEY WILL GIVE US EQUAL STATUS IN THEIR WORLD AND WE'LL NEVER AGAIN LIVE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THESE RULES FOR ANDROIDS!
TIME PASSED! THE ANDROIDS FARED NO BETTER... AND THE GOLDEN AGE WAS DYING! THE EARTH WAS BECOMING OVERCROWDED, FOOD WAS BECOMING SCARCE, SPACE WAS A PROBLEM INCREASING DAILY..
MARKET
NO MORE FOOD LEFT
I MUST HAVE FOOD! MY CHILDREN WILL STARVE!
DROUGHT CAME, ADDING TO THE MISERY.. AND MAN, LOOKING FOR AN OUTLET FOR HIS MISFORTUNE VENTED HIS SPLEEN UPON THE ANDROIDS..
DIRTY SYNTHETICS! KILL THEM! THEY TAKE THE FOOD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF TRUE HUMANS!
KILL THE MONSTERS. TAKING UP SPACE THAT REAL MEN COULD USE!
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BUT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT KNEW THE VALUE OF THE ANDROIDS AND ORDERED THE MOST INTELLIGENT TO COME BEFORE THEM..

THE HUMAN RACE HAS INCREASED UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE ROOM FOR THEM ON EARTH NOT ENOUGH FOOD, WATER OR ANY ESSENTIALS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM! YOU MUST BUILD A SPACE SHIP AND FIND US A NEW WORLD IN THE GALAXY!

WITH *TWO* WORLDS TO INHABIT, THE HUMAN RACE IS SAVED! IF YOU FAIL, YOU ANDROIDS WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE EXTERMINATED TO GIVE US MORE ROOM! IF YOU SUCCEED, MANKIND WILL BE GRATEFUL AND ON THE NEW WORLD YOUR LOT WILL REFLECT MANKIND'S FEELING TOWARD YOU!

SO IN ALL THE WORLD, IN MANKIND'S GREATEST HOUR OF NEED, NO TRUE HUMAN COULD BE FOUND WITH THE ABILITY TO HELP.. ONLY THE ANDROIDS COULD SAVE MAN..

ARA, DO YOU THINK THEY'LL KEEP THEIR PROMISE? IF WE DISCOVER THIS NEW WORLD FOR THEM, WILL THEY GIVE US A PLACE OF DIGNITY IN IT?

WITH THE DEBT THEY'LL OWE US, THEY'VE *GOT* TO! WE'LL FIND THE NEW WORLD, FOR BOTH THEM AND OURSELVES AND IN THAT WORLD THERE'LL BE NO ROOM FOR *RULES FOR ANDROIDS!*

RULES FOR DROIDS

RULES FOR ANDROIDS

ANDROID BRAINS AND SKILL BUILT THE SPACE SHIP AND ANDROIDS TOOK IT TO THE STARS ON A GREAT SEARCH

FOUR PLANETS VISITED AND NOT ONE FIT TO SUPPORT OUR LIFE FORMS! AND THIS SHIP SEALED IN THE SPHERE IT CAN COVER ONLY ONE MORE PLANET CAN WE REACH

MARS... AND IT HAD BETTER BE THE ONE!

THE SHIP LANDED ON MARS

TESTS WERE MADE...DISCOURAGING TESTS

MARS IS AS EARTH WAS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF MAN! GRAVITY ALMOST THE SAME OXYGEN SIMILAR BUT FILLED WITH POISON GASES VOLCANOES POISONOUS PLANTS AND HUGE MONSTERS! NOT GOOD!

THE ANDROIDS MET IN THE MAIN CABIN..

MARS IS OUR LAST CHANCE! THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US, BUT WE MUST MAKE THE ATTEMPT TO *MAKE* IT HABITABLE! OUR SHIP WILL RETURN TO EARTH AND LEAD THE OTHERS, WHICH ARE READY BY NOW, BACK TO MARS!

EVERY ANDROID ON EARTH WILL COME HERE TO HELP US! WE WILL STAY UNTIL THEY ARRIVE, MEANWHILE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WAY TO CONQUER THIS PRIMEVAL PLANET!

AN ADVANCE GROUP LANDED AND BUILT SEALED PLASTIC DOMES TO KEEP OUT THE POISONS AND THE MONSTERS, AND WHILE THEY WAITED FOR THE SHIPS TO COME, THEY BENT THEIR ENERGIES TO FIND WAYS TO BEAT THE VICIOUSNESS OF THE PLANET..

THIS VAPOR SHOULD COUNTERACT THE POISON GASES!

WE WILL HAVE TO USE ATOMIC FISSION TO STABILIZE THE PLANET, TO REDUCE THE CONSTANT UPHEAVAL OF THE CRUST!

PRESENTLY THE SHIPS CAME WITH EVERY LAST ANDROID LEFT ON EARTH, READY TO FIGHT THE BIG BATTLE, SYNTHETIC MAN AGAINST A WHOLE PLANET.. THE BATTLE FOR A LIFE AND FREEDOM OF THEIR OWN..

THEY FOUGHT THE BEASTS IN THIS NIGHTMARE WORLD..

THEY WITHERED THE POISON PLANTS AND SMASHED THEM. FOUGHT THE POISON FOG AND BEAT IT..

THEY QUENCHED THE FLAMES AND SOOTHED THE HEAVING SURFACE OF THE PLANET, AND EACH DAY MANY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR DREAM..

AND IN THE END THEY CONQUERED MARS AND MADE IT A SWEET AND SMILING LAND. BUT THE COST HAD BEEN HIGH.. MANY HAD DIED AND THERE WAS NOT ONE WHO DIDN'T HAVE TO RETURN TO EARTH TO BE REPAIRED...

THE EARTH SHIPS WILL BE HERE WITHIN A DAY! WE'LL COME BACK WHEN WE HAVE BEEN REPAIRED!

IN THE EARTH'S ANDROID HOSPITALS, NEW FLESH AND BONE WAS GRAFTED ONTO THE INJURED ANDROIDS.

WE'LL BE WELL SOON, ARA, AND THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO MARS, *OUR* COUNTRY!

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS DUE TO SPEAK ON TV IN A FEW MOMENTS - AN ADDRESS TO US!

THE EARTH'S TEEMING MILLIONS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO MARS! BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS THERE WILL NEVER AGAIN BE OVERPOPULATION! WE WILL BUILD CITIES AND STATES ON THE NEW PLANET!

AND WE SHALL NEVER FORGET THAT IT WAS *YOU*, THE *ANDROIDS*, WHO GAVE US THIS NEW LAND THAT WE SHALL BUILD INTO A SECOND EARTH!

IN TIME, THE ANDROIDS WERE WELL AGAIN! THEY BOARDED THE SPACE SHIPS GOING TO MARS, TO THE PROMISED LAND, TO A NEW AND BETTER LIFE...

MARS FLIGHT

AND THEY WATCHED AS THE PLANET, NOW GREEN AS EARTH, DREW CLOSER.

THERE IT IS! THE PROMISED LAND THE FUTURE THAT WE MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR BLOOD AND NOW WE ARE TURNING!

WITH OUR HEARTS BURNING AND HEADS HIGH!

THE GREAT SHIPS LANDED! EAGERLY THE ANDROIDS CROWDED OUT..

WE'RE HOME ARA! SMELL THE AIR...THE SMELL OF FREEDOM!

BAB BAB! LOOK! READ!

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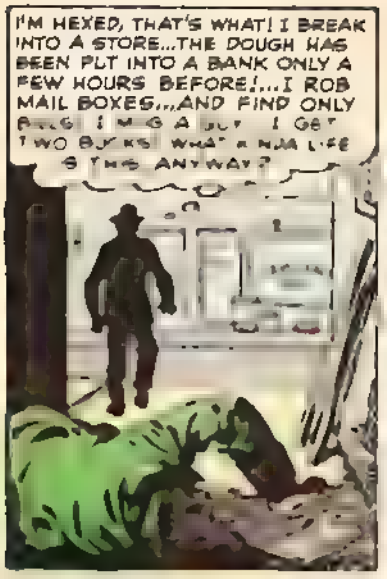
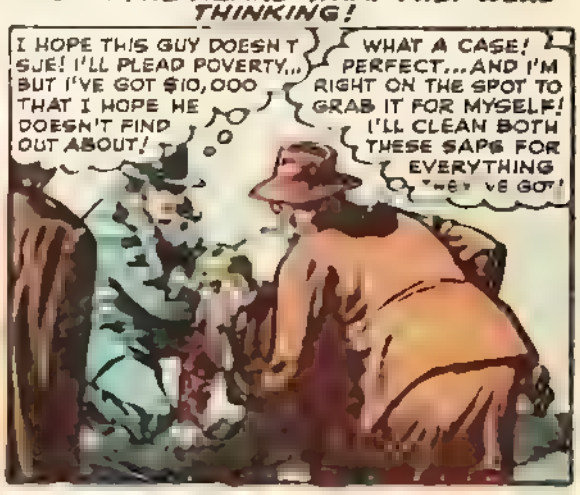
YOU THINK TOO LOUD!

WHAT A LUCKY BREAK GETTING THIS SUCKER! HE GIVES ME EVERYTHING I WANT AND I TURN IT OVER TO MY REAL BOY FRIEND!
I CAN HEAR EVERYTHING THEY'RE THINKING!
I KEEP MY MONEY IN A SHOE BOX UNDER MY BED BUT THIS PUNK'LL NEVER FIND OUT!
HOPE THIS GUY DOESN'T [illegible] ME [illegible] ME [illegible] DOLLARS!
I'LL ADD A COUPLE OF HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HIS BILL! HE WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

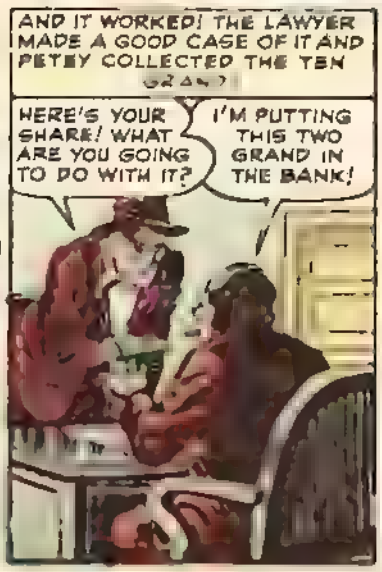

I'M HEXED, THAT'S WHAT! I BREAK INTO A STORE...THE DOUGH HAS BEEN PUT INTO A BANK ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE!...I ROB MAIL BOXES...AND FIND ONLY BILLS! I MEAN BUT I GET TWO BUCKS! WHAT A NUTTY LIFE IS THIS ANYWAY?

FOR ONCE, PETEY WAS LUCKY! THE CAR JUST KNOCKED HIM DOWN WITHOUT TOO MUCH BODILY DAMAGE! HOWEVER, THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF EXCITEMENT...

PETEY STARED STRAIGHT AHEAD! HE HEARD WHAT THEY WERE ALL SAYING...BUT HE HEARD SOMETHING ELSE...SOMETHING EVEN LOUDER AND MORE INSISTENT! ***HE HEARD WHAT THEY WERE THINKING!***


I HOPE THIS GUY DOESN'T SUE! I'LL PLEAD POVERTY... BUT I'VE GOT $10,000 THAT I HOPE HE DOESN'T FIND OUT ABOUT!
WHAT A CASE! PERFECT...AND I'M RIGHT ON THE SPOT TO GRAB IT FOR MYSELF! I'LL CLEAN BOTH THESE SAPS FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT!

THE ACCIDENT WAS A WINDFALL FOR PETEY! IT HAD HIT HIS HEAD IN A WAY TO MAKE HIM HEAR PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS! SO, LIKE THE SMART GUY HE WAS, HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT.
I... I CAN'T... MORE... I'M SUING YOU FOR $10,000!
$10,000! HOW THE... WHAT THE...
I'LL HANDLE ALL THIS!

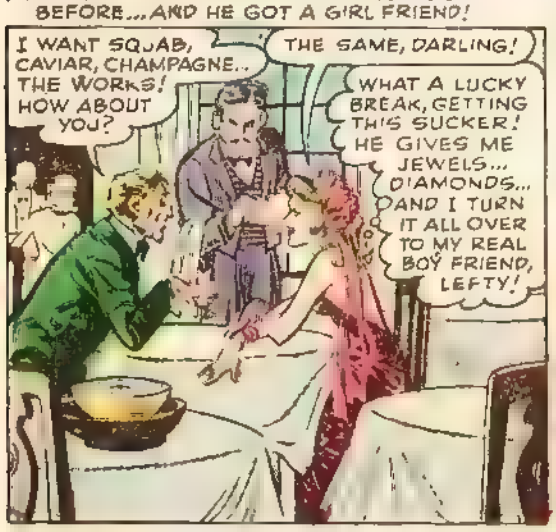

AND IT WORKED! THE LAWYER MADE A GOOD CASE OF IT AND PETEY COLLECTED THE TEN GRAND!
HERE'S YOUR SHARE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
I'M PUTTING THIS TWO GRAND IN THE BANK!

BUT PETEY KNEW DIFFERENT! PETEY COULD HEAR HIS THOUGHTS!
IF I PUT THIS IN THE BANK, MY EX-WIFE'LL GRAB IT FOR BACK ALIMONY! I'M PUTTING IT WHERE I KEEP ALL MY DOUGH...IN THE SHOE BOX UNDER MY BED!

SO...PETEY ROBBED THE LAWYER!
THIS IS TERRIFIC! I CAN HEAR WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING! I CAN DO ANYTHING...AND NOBODY CAN CATCH ME! I'LL EVEN KNOW WHEN THE COPS ARE AFTER ME...AND I CAN GET AWAY! THIS IS LIVING!

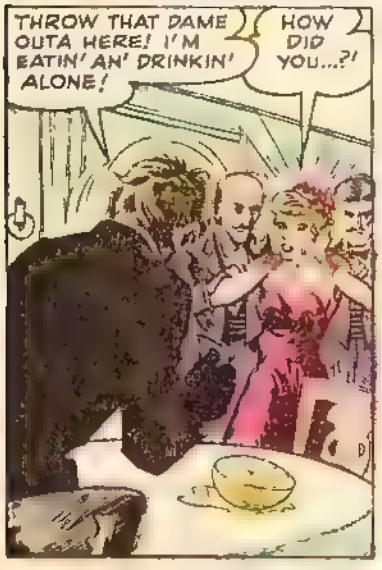
AND IT WAS LIVING! PETEY PULLED SOME OF THE BIGGEST JOBS THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN...
25 LEFT...6 RIGHT... 10 LEFT...9 RIGHT! THAT'S THE COMBINATION OF THE NEW SAFE!
THANK YOU!

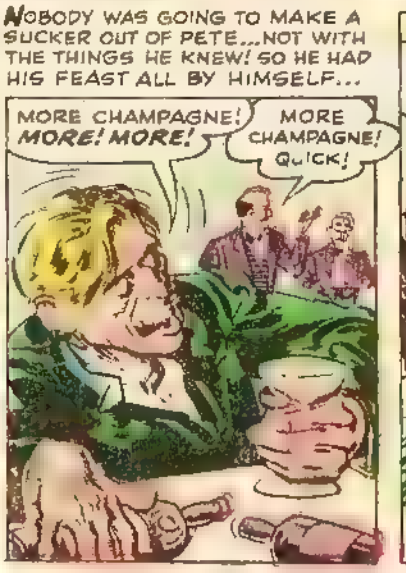
AND A FEW HOURS LATER...
9 RIGHT...AND THERE IT IS! A FORTUNE IN SPARKLERS! THAT WAS A LUCKY ACCIDENT I HAD! WHO'S GONNA BEAT ME WITH THIS POWER? NOBODY!


RICH AT LAST, PETEY REALLY LIVED IT UP! HE ATE AND DRANK AS HE HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE...AND HE GOT A GIRL FRIEND!
I WANT SQUAB, CAVIAR, CHAMPAGNE.. THE WORKS! HOW ABOUT YOU?
THE SAME, DARLING!
WHAT A LUCKY BREAK, GETTING THIS SUCKER! HE GIVES ME JEWELS... DIAMONDS... AND I TURN IT ALL OVER TO MY REAL BOY FRIEND, LEFTY!

HOW ABOUT SOME GRAPE-FRUIT?
NO, THANKS!

HAVE SOME... AND TAKE ENOUGH FOR, LEFTY, TOO!
OOOF!
SPLAT!


THROW THAT DAME OUTA HERE! I'M EATIN' AN' DRINKIN' ALONE!
HOW DID YOU...?!


NOBODY WAS GOING TO MAKE A SUCKER OUT OF PETE...NOT WITH THE THINGS HE KNEW! SO HE HAD HIS FEAST ALL BY HIMSELF...
MORE CHAMPAGNE! MORE! MORE!
MORE CHAMPAGNE! QUICK!

...UNTIL HE PASSED OUT...
M'SIEU HAS HAD ENOUGH!
HE DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL WELL! CALL DOCTOR STEVENS!
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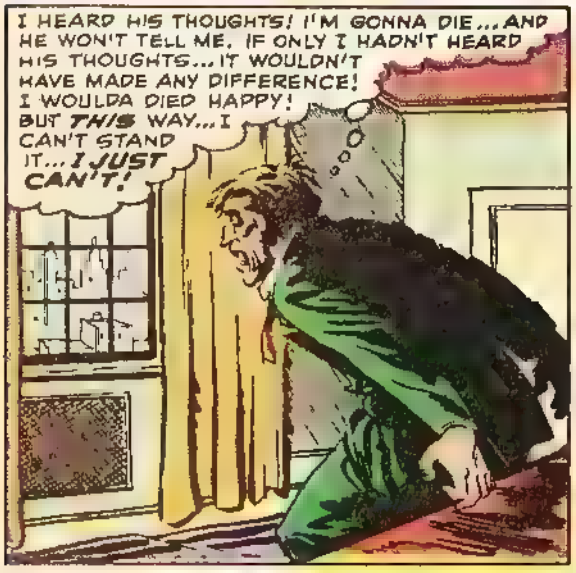
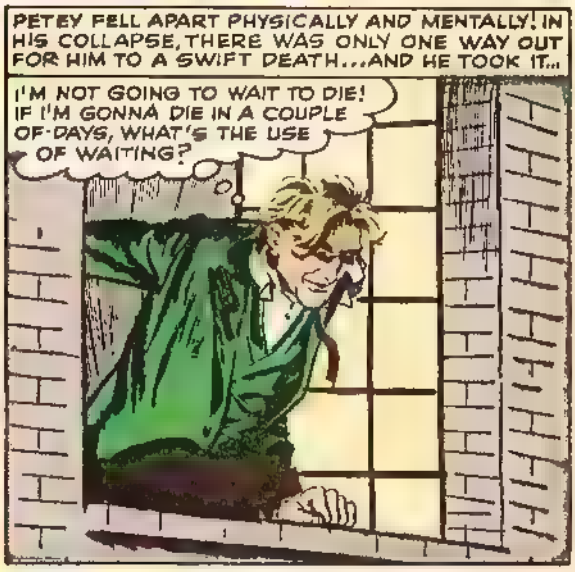
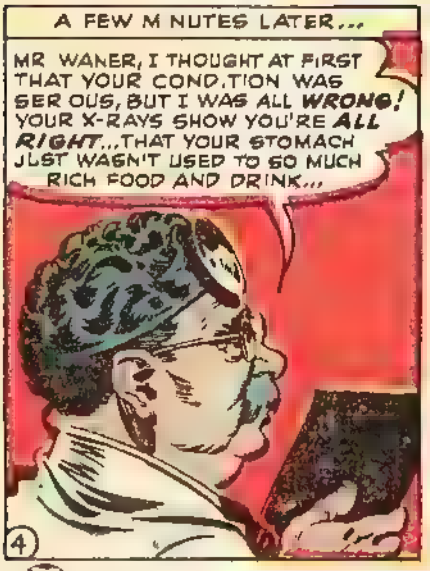
PETEY WAS A GOOD CUSTOMER, SO THEY TOOK HIM INTO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN THE SAME BUILDING ON AN UPPER FLOOR...
YOU'RE A PRETTY SICK MAN, MY DEAR FELLOW!
SICK NOTHING! JUST DRUNK, THAT'S ALL!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I'LL HAVE THESE PLATES DEVELOPED!
NOT A CHANCE, THE POOR FELLOW! HE'S A GONER! I'M JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF BEING A FRIENDLY DOCTOR!


I HEARD HIS THOUGHTS! I'M GONNA DIE... AND HE WON'T TELL ME. IF ONLY I HADN'T HEARD HIS THOUGHTS... IT WOULDN'T HAVE MADE ANY DIFFERENCE! I WOULDA DIED HAPPY! BUT THIS WAY... I CAN'T STAND IT... I JUST CAN'T!


PETEY FELL APART PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY! IN HIS COLLAPSE, THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY OUT FOR HIM TO A SWIFT DEATH... AND HE TOOK IT...
I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT TO DIE! IF I'M GONNA DIE IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, WHAT'S THE USE OF WAITING?


A FEW MINUTES LATER...
MR. WANER, I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT YOUR CONDITION WAS SERIOUS, BUT I WAS ALL WRONG! YOUR X-RAYS SHOW YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... THAT YOUR STOMACH JUST WASN'T USED TO SO MUCH RICH FOOD AND DRINK...
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closing, and because his agent hadn't had the courage to face them and uphold his work, he might very well tear everything to shreds.

"That . . . that miserable punk . . . siding against me. Somehow I'd like to find a way to bring one of my monsters to life just long enough to scare him to death . . . permanently!" he mused silently, staring at one of the long-armed, hairy half-human, half-animal drawings on the board.

He spent the next few hours trying to complete some assignments, but his heart wasn't in the work. He kept thinking back on his frenzied talk with Rod Alman. He kept going to the window and staring, as if looking for something, searching for a way to revenge. Before long, the streets became dark and quiet, and Stanley, smashing his fists together, left the window. All at once he rushed to the drawing table, took a fresh sheet of paper and began to draw, hunching over the paper as if to hide it from anyone that might pass by. Then he rose, looked at what he had drawn, and threw the pencil down on the table, enraged.

Stanley tried to sleep, but sleep was far away. He tossed on the cot fitfully, but he couldn't seem to shake off the strange feeling that gripped his heart. Finally, exhausted from his thoughts, his eyes closed and his breathing became quiet and regular. He was asleep.

The clock on the top of a small church on the corner, rang three times. As if he had heard it in his sleep, Stanley turned restlessly, without waking. Then he began to mumble in his sleep. He was having a dream.

In his dream, Stanley commanded a few words, and the piece of paper came to life. Out of it stepped a monster, the one he had drawn late that night, more terrible and more frightening than anything he had ever created. The long, hanging arms . . . the huge, elephant-like ears and the fangs that

dripped saliva from the hairy-lipped mouth . . . the monster came to life. Stanley smiled in his sleep as he saw the monster head for the apartment of his agent, Rod Alman, creep silently up the stairs, pushing open the door and putting its strong arms about Rod's throat, crushing the life out of him. He saw Rod's lifeless body fall, eyes still open with the horror he had seen, and Stanley felt good. He had his revenge. The dream began to get hazy, and a few moments later Stanley became restless again. For some reason he couldn't breath . . . maybe the windows were closed.

Partially awake, he opened his eyes and saw nothing but darkness, but still it was difficult to breath. He wanted to rush to the window and throw it open, but he couldn't move. Then the darkness cleared a little, and Stanley's heart began pounding with fear. Standing above him, a smile on his terrible face, was the monster he had created on paper. Was he still dreaming? But the arms closed about him, and Stanley was choking, gasping for air.

"NO! IT'S NOT REAL! IT'S ONLY THE DREAM! NO! NO . . . YOU'RE CHOKING ME . . . AIGHEEEEEE . . ."

Stanley fell on the cot, his body restless no longer.

The cleaning woman stopped by at about nine the next morning. When there was no answer, she stepped into Mr. Warren's room. She screamed, and ran from the room to phone the police.

But the police would never find Rod and Stanley's murderer, for as the door slammed behind the terrified woman, a draft caught a sheet of paper on the drawing board and lifted it up. It flittered about the room, then drifted noiselessly out of a window, disappearing over the rooftops outside. And on this sheet of paper, where Stanley had drawn a monster the night before, there was only a hole, in the silhouette of a creature too horrible to be true.

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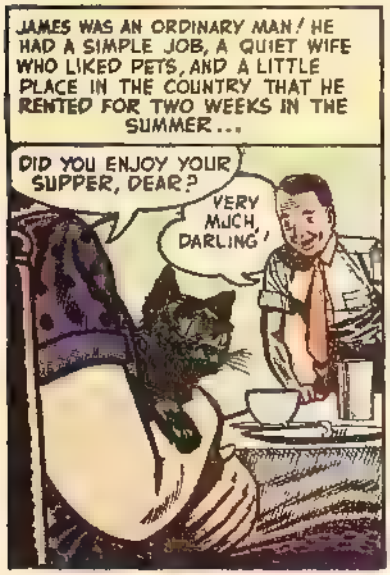
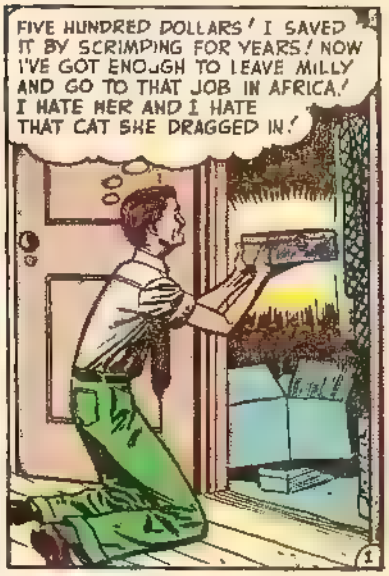

JAMES WAS AN ORDINARY MAN! HE HAD A SIMPLE JOB, A QUIET WIFE WHO LIKED PETS, AND A LITTLE PLACE IN THE COUNTRY THAT HE RENTED FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE SUMMER...
DID YOU ENJOY YOUR SUPPER, DEAR?
VERY MUCH, DARLING!

YES, TO LOOK AT HIM, YOU WOULDN'T THINK THAT JAMES HAD SECRET DREAMS AND WISHES... AND THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE HIS WIFE OR HER KITTEN...
I THINK I'LL GO LIE DOWN FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
ALL RIGHT, DEAR! I'LL PLAY WITH CUDDLES HERE!


FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! I SAVED IT BY SCRIMPING FOR YEARS! NOW I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO LEAVE MILLY AND GO TO THAT JOB IN AFRICA! I HATE HER AND I HATE THAT CAT SHE DRAGGED IN!
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HE AND HIS WIFE HAD BEEN POOR FOR YEARS! SHE [illegible] BECAUSE SHE WAS A SIMPLE [illegible] AND [illegible] BUT JAMES [illegible] VERY DIFFERENT

GOING TO BE A BIG SHOT... WITH MONEY! I'M SICK OF HER AND HER [illegible] BLACK CAT UGH!

[illegible] THINGS THAT [illegible] HOLDS [illegible] IT

JAMES, DEAR! THERE'S A RAIN STORM [illegible] UP! A [illegible] IN THE HAIR FROM HE PAID?

YES, OUTSIDE JAMES SEEMED ORDINARY AND [illegible]

I DON'T LIKE SUMMER STORMS! DON'T LIKE LIGHTNING! SCARED TO DEATH OF IT!

BUT SHE [illegible] TO COME HERE EVEN [illegible] HOUSE IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A [illegible] HOW I HATE LIGHTNING!

BUT THAT NIGHT EVEN BILLY WOKE UP FROM [illegible]

JAMES! THE STORM'S TERRIBLE!

Y-YES! I'M SCARED!

THE LIGHTNING CRASHED [illegible] WAS ONE OF THE [illegible] THE BOLTS [illegible] AND [illegible] THE CRASHING OF [illegible] THAT WERE STRUCK BY [illegible]

FEAR! IT ROSE IN JAMES'S MIND LIKE A HUGE TIDAL WAVE, SWEEPING ALL REASON BEFORE IT!

THEY STUMBLED THROUGH THE WOODS, WHILE THE RAIN LASHED AT THEIR FACES AND THE LIGHTNING DANCED ACROSS THE SKY!

BUT AT LAST THEY CAME OUT OF THE WOODS AND INTO THE CLEARING... WITH FEAR STILL DRIVING JAMES ON IN MAD FURY!

JAMES BREATHED A SIGH OF DEEP RELIEF, KNOWING THAT HE HAD ESCAPED HIS GREAT FEAR...

BUT SUDDENLY HE FROZE RIGIDLY! HE SUDDENLY REMEMBERED WHAT HIS FEAR HAD MADE HIM FORGET!

THE... THE BOX... I MEAN... THE CAT! THAT'S IT! THE CAT! WE FORGOT THE CAT!
WELL, IT'S TOO BAD BUT...
HOW CAN YOU BE SO HEARTLESS, MILLY, I'VE GOT TO GO BACK, DO YOU HEAR? I'VE GOT TO GO BACK FOR IT!
BUT JAMES, YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF LIGHTNING!
I... I CAN'T LET THE CAT GET KILLED!
JAMES! THIS IS CRAZY! THE STORM'S GOTTEN WORSE!
I DON'T CARE! I'VE GOT TO GO BACK!
JAMES! DON'T GO! COME BACK! COME BACK!
WITH HIS GREED GREATER THAN HIS FEAR OF LIGHTNING, JAMES DARED TO GO BACK TO THE LIGHTNING-PLAGUED HOUSE!
IF IT KILLS ME, I'VE GOT TO GO BACK! I MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD AS BE WITHOUT THE MONEY!
THE BOLTS OF LIGHTNING LIT UP HIS WAY AND AT LAST HE GOT BACK! THE MONEY WAS IN THE CLOSET... AND HE RUSHED TOWARD IT, HIS HEART BEATING IN FEAR THAT EVERY MOMENT WOULD BE HIS LAST!
IF THE LIGHTNING WOULD STAY AWAY FROM ME JUST A LITTLE LONGER... JUST A LITTLE LONGER, THAT'S ALL!
AH! THE CLOSET! I GOT THE DOOR OPEN! IT'S DARK... BUT I KNOW WHERE IT IS! ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS REACH OUT MY HAND, AND...
OHHH!
JAMES ALMOST LEAPED OUT OF HIS SKIN AS A FLASH LIT UP THE CLOSET AND HE SAW...
THE CAT! IT CLAWED ME... AND IT'S ON THE TIN BOX!

FEAR HAD CHANGED THE CAT FROM A HARMLESS LITTLE PET TO A VICIOUS, SNARLING, SPITTING BEAST, READY TO SLASH AND CLAW AT ANYTHING THAT APPROACHED IT!

THE DIRTY MONSTER! IT WON'T LET ME NEAR MY BOX!

LIGHTNING HIT THE TIN BOX AS THE STRANGE DUEL BETWEEN MAN AND CAT WENT ON! AND AT LAST JAMES KNOCKED THE CAT OFF ITS PERCH!

THERE! NOW I'LL GET MY MONEY AND LEAVE MILLY FLAT! ALL SHE'LL HAVE IS ***YOU***, YOU SCRAWNY, LITTLE...

BUT FEAR GRIPPED HIM AGAIN AS HE SAW LIGHTNING FLASHES HIT THE TIN OF THE BOX!

I... I CAN'T TOUCH IT! I'LL BE ELECTROCUTED!

BUT WAIT A MINUTE! LIGHTNING HIT IT WHILE THAT CAT WAS ON IT, AND IT WASN'T HURT! IT CAN'T BE SO BAD! ***I'LL DO IT!***

SO HE REACHED OUT...

AND GRABBED ***DEATH!***

AND THAT WAS HOW MILLY FOUND HIM AFTER THE STORM... DEAD, WITH THE OPEN BOX...

JAMES! OH, JAMES!

BUT HE DIDN'T FORGET ME, THE POOR DEAR! HE LEFT SOME MONEY FOR ME... JUST ENOUGH TO BURY HIM...

BUT HE ***DID*** FORGET YOU MILLY... AND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE HE FORGOT! HE FORGOT ***A CAT HAS NINE LIVES!***

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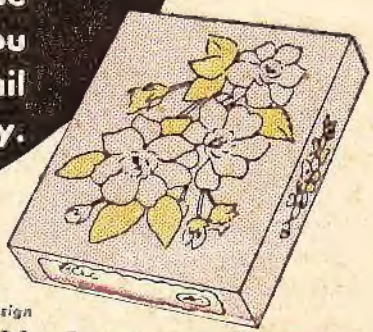

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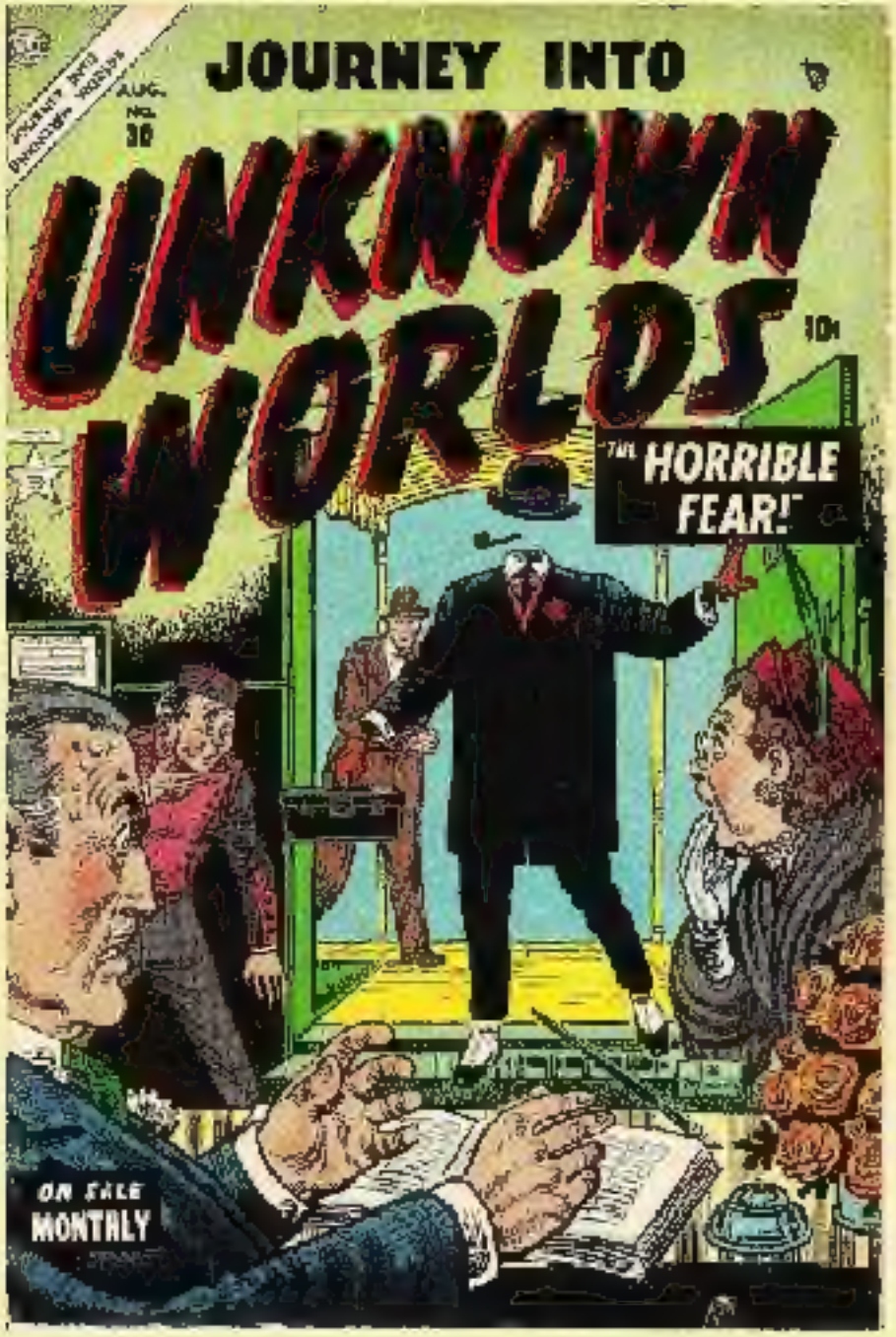

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